

Clean Version Of Claims

9. (Amended) An absorbent web having a dry feel when wet comprising:
- an inherently hydrophilic basesheet comprising papermaking fibers and having an upper surface and a lower surface, said upper surface having elevated and depressed regions further characterized by a Wet Compressed Bulk of about 5 or greater; and
 - hydrophobic matter deposited preferentially on the elevated regions of the upper surface of said basesheet and on a portion of the lower surface of said basesheet.
16. An absorbent dual-zoned web providing a dry feel in use, said web having an upper surface comprising a plurality of hydrophobically treated regions surrounded by inherently hydrophilic cellulosic regions, wherein upon wetting said web expands such that the hydrophobically treated regions are preferentially elevated relative to said hydrophilic regions.
17. A calendered hand towel comprising the web of claim 16.
40. (New) The absorbent web of claims 9 or 16 wherein said web is a wet-laid tissue sheet.
41. (New) The absorbent web of claims 9 or 16 wherein said web is an airlaid structure.
42. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 further characterized by a Wet Springback Ratio of about 0.7 or greater.
43. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 wherein the hydrophobic matter is discontiguous.
44. (New) The absorbent web of claims 9 or 16 further characterized by a Rewet value of about 0.65 g or less and a Normalized Rewet value of about 0.6 or less.
45. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 wherein said web has an Overall Surface Depth of about 0.2 mm or greater, an In-Plane Permeability of at least 0.5×10^{-10} m², and a Wet Compressed Bulk of about 5 cc/g or greater.

46. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 wherein said hydrophobic matter comprises synthetic fibers fixedly attached to the upper surface of said basesheet such that about 50% or less of the surface area of the basesheet is covered with the synthetic fibers.
47. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 further comprising hydrophobic matter on a portion of the lower surface of said basesheet.
48. (New) The absorbent web of claims 9 or 16 wherein said web has an Overall Surface Depth of about 0.2 mm or less while dry and an Overall Surface Depth of about 0.3 mm or greater when wetted to a moisture content of 100%.
49. (New) The absorbent web of claims 9 or 16 wherein said web has a wet:dry tensile ratio of at least 0.1.
50. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 wherein said elevated regions comprise from 5 to 300 protrusions per square inch having a characteristic height of at least 0.2 mm relative to said depressed regions.
51. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 wherein at least 30% of the upper surface of said basesheet remains substantially free of hydrophobic matter and said web has a Rewet value of 0.6 g or less.
52. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 wherein essentially all of said hydrophobic matter resides above the 50% material line of a characteristic cross-section of said web.
53. (New) The absorbent web of claims 9 further comprising superabsorbent particles attached to said web.
54. (New) The absorbent web of claims 9 or 16 wherein said web is further characterized by a wet:dry tensile strength ratio of at least about 0.1 or greater and a Wet Springback Ratio of about 0.55 or greater.

55. (New) The absorbent web of claims 9 or 16 further characterized by a Rewet value of about 0.65 g or less and a Normalized Rewet value of about 0.6 or less, said web further comprising about 20% or greater by weight high yield pulp fibers.

56. (New) The absorbent web of claim 9 wherein said basesheet further comprises apertures and said lower surface of the basesheet further comprises wet-resilient protrusions adjacent said aperture.

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